Leave of Absence to Sri H. R. Abdul Gaffar, Deputy Minister for Finance.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have received a letter from Sri H. A. Abdul Gaffar, the Deputy Minister for Finance, requesting for leave of absence from attending the current sittings of the Assembly from 31st March 1965 as he is proceeding to Saudi Arabia on Haj Pilgrimage. Is it the pleasure of the House to grant the Hon'ble Deputy Minister leave of absence ?

HON'BLE MEMBERS.—Yes.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The permission is granted.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Yesterday, the Hon'ble Member S. V. Agnihotri raised a point of order as to whether a Member can use snuff inside the Assembly Hall. Under the Rules, smoking is not allowed either in the House or in the Committees. There is, however, no objection to the taking of snuff.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE.

SECRETARY.—Sir, I beg to lay on the Table the Eighth List of Unstarred Questions and Answers.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Flood Control Measures.

Q.—26. Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) what are all the steps undertaken so far to carry out flood control measure in the State ;

(*b*) how far such a measure has benefited the ryots ;

(*c*) what is the extra quantity of food produced on account of such measure ?

A.—Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA (Deputy Minister for Minor Irrigation).—

(*a*) In Mysore State flood control schemes have been taken up as a part of Minor Irrigation Programme ; 14 Flood Control works at an estimated cost of about Rs. 21·00 lakhs have been taken up *vide* list appended.

(*b*) Above works protect partly residential parts of villages and towns and partly cultivated areas nearby.

(*c*) Since the beginning of the First Five Year Plan, 18,624 tons of food has been produced every year.